

Senior Officer Decision

Consultative meeting: Council

Consultative meeting date: 27th July 2021



Exempt from publication

No.

Title: Motion on Trees

Links to:

- (i) **Officer report to consultative meeting**
[Agenda for Council on Tuesday, 27th July, 2021, 6.00 pm - East Devon](#)
- (ii) **Recording of consultative meeting**
[Full Council Meeting - YouTube](#)
- (iii) **Minutes of consultative meeting**
Not available at time of decision

Recommendation:

This council recognizes the immense contribution that trees make to our District - shaping the landscape, providing a vital habitat for wildlife, sequestering carbon to help combat climate change and playing an essential role in the eco-system by absorbing rainwater and preventing erosion.

Trees are also vital to our communities enhancing well-being, connecting people with their natural environment, providing shade and peace, cooling the streets, marking the seasons and giving our communities a sense of 'place'.

In light of the key role of trees:

This Council condemns the practice of pre-emptive tree felling prior to the submission of planning applications.

This Council agrees that there should be a scoping and indicative report for the development of a tree strategy brought to the next available Overview meeting.

Authority:

Decision of Council on 26th July 2021 to delegate decision making to officers until 23.59 17th January 2022.

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Consultations:

I was present at / have watched the recording of the consultative meeting which considered this item

Yes No

Detail any other consultations carried out:

N/A

Other considerations:

Do the legal and finance comments and equalities impact, climate change and risk assessments as detailed in the officer reports remain the same.

Yes No

If no, provide the updated assessment below;

Decision:

To confirm the outcome of the motion as detailed in the recommendation above.

Reasons for decision:

The consultative meeting of the Council considered and debated the merits of the motion and recommended it should be approved as per the recommendation above. There is nothing I am aware of that suggests any alternative decision should be taken.

Signed  Dated: 28th July 2021

Senior Officer job title and name:

Mark Williams, Chief Executive

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